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1. A location sketch of the atomic research institute in Kelasuri (43-00N/41-08E) was obtained. Further details were not available.

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[REDACTED] came to Kelasuri in early 1948 to work as a precision mechanic. The chief of the institute was Professor Hertz. (fnu). Manfred von Ardenne, although staying nearby on the Black Sea coast, did not work at the institute in 1948. \*

3. All Germans in the area knew that the installation was an atomic research institute. Work was being done with uranium and fluoride. The uranium used came from Germany. [REDACTED] unloaded uranium, packed in cans, from a truck.

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[REDACTED] learned from engineers working at the institute that the method of work was very primitive and that no real results had been obtained prior to February 1949. Materials required were shipped to the institute by air from Moscow. It was rumored in early 1949 that a testing ground for atom bombs existed in the arctic region. \*

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\* Comment. For location and layout sketch of the institute in Kelasuri, see Annex. The data on this sketch agree with available information. It was mentioned in previous reports that the installation consisted of two separate plants. Manfred von Ardenne may have worked in the southern plant of the installation.

\* This document's statements are not based on first-hand observations and may therefore be subject to error. The statement that work was being done with uranium and fluoride indicate that experiments for the separation of isotopes with gas diffusion were made at the institute.

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